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Subject: OPPOSITION To Honolulu Rail Financial Recovery Plan - City Council Resolution 17-266 - Public Testimony

Dear Honolulu Councilmembers,

The city link for online submission of testimony did not work Wednesday evening. I filled out the form, pressed submit, and got an error.

<http://www.honolulu.gov/ccl-testimony-form.html><<https://rb.tc/2JPRD#http://www.honolulu.gov/ccl-testimony-form.html>>

This public testimony is being shared with local ( Cc ) and national news media, FTA officials, members of Congress Transportation Subcommittee, OIG, USDOJ, Hawaii Federal judges, State Auditor, residents of Oahu and neighbor islands, and Etc, all by Bcc.

Regarding your deliberations on the rail recovery plan, resolution 17-266 to be discussed on Friday, Oct 6 by the full City Council, I ask the following questions and offer the following comments:

Have any of you watched the KITV story about international traffic expert and UH Civil Engineering professor, Panos Prevedouros's assessment of your rail recovery plan, calling it SHALLOW?

<http://www.kitv.com/story/36397132/rail-critic-calls-harts-financial-recovery-plan-shallow><<https://rb.tc/2JPRF#http://www.kitv.com/story/36397132/rail-critic-calls-harts-financial-recovery-plan-shallow>>

Is this how you manage the finances of your own family? I'll bet not.

Have any of you looked at both the US and the Hawaii debt clocks lately?

#### US Debt Clock

<http://www.usdebtclock.org/><<https://rb.tc/2JPRG#http://www.usdebtclock.org/>>

"Our debt [ national ] now exceeds the value of everything that America produces in a year. Soon, warns economist Ed Stringham, we'll be like Greece; forced to make sudden cuts because we cannot borrow more to finance our spending addiction."

\$20,000,000,000,000 in debt and rising

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOVomfIYSXE><<https://rb.tc/2JPRH#https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOVomfIYSXE>>

Hawaii Debt Clock - Debt Rising Because of Rail Spending Black Hole, state unfunded liabilities, and total political corruption.

<http://www.usdebtclock.org/state-debt-clocks/state-of-hawaii-debt-clock.html><<https://rb.tc/2JPRI#http://www.usdebtclock.org/state-debt-clocks/state-of-hawaii-debt-clock.html>>

The average Hawaii family will spend \$30,000 for rail.

<https://www.facebook.com/GrassrootInstitute/videos/1607510735940422/><<https://rb.tc/2JPRJ#https://www.facebook.com/GrassrootInstitute/videos/1607510735940422/>>

Hawaii pension debt rises to \$12 billion, but the real debt is more like \$35 billion

<http://www.grassrootinstitute.org/2017/01/state-pension-debt-rises-to-12-billion-but-the-real-debt-is-even-bigger/><<https://rb.tc/2JPRK#http://www.grassrootinstitute.org/2017/01/state-pension-debt-rises-to-12-billion-but-the-real-debt-is-even-bigger/>>

Yes, something bad is going to happen in Hawaii too if the city and state, under total Democrat monopoly control that answers to no one and is accountable to no one but the wealthy, power elite, keeps squandering more and more money from present day residents and the yet to be born residents for the next 3 or more generations, digging a

bigger and deeper black hole / money pit that will result in both city and state insolvency.

Is this the legacy you want to leave for your own children and grandchildren and everyone else for the next 3 to 4 generations?

Parents always want a better future for their children than they have had. Can you say that your family will have a better future when you are gone with 19th century heavy rail instead of without rail or with 21st century monorail or maglev like other countries or even hydrogen-powered rail like Germany?

Do you realize that the CHOO CHOO is already obsolete? Autonomous electric vehicles, including hydrogen-powered electric vehicles will take over.

Clean Disruption - Why Energy & Transportation will be Obsolete by 2030 - Oslo, March 2016

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kxryv2XrnqM><<https://rb.tc/2JPRL>#<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kxryv2XrnqM>>

Isn't it time to draw a line in the sand and say enough is enough on all the DELIBERATE fraud, waste, and abuse?

Do any of you have the ethical and moral character to unselfishly serve the public for a change by being a whistleblower to expose all the fraud, waste, and abuse to the public and make sure Kirt Caldwell goes to prison for 10 to 25 years and takes our 2 former mayors with him?

Are you going to continue to protect the old boy network of cronies or boldly go where no politician has gone before by doing the unthinkable, telling the truth for a change?

Do any of you have a soul, a conscience? Have all of you sold your souls to the devil? I know some of you have done so.

As retired UH Law Professor Professor, Randy Roth, states in his 3 minute summary of this fraudulent boondoggle, shame on all of you. Were all of you asleep during his testimony?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZL9plrxaA3Q><<https://rb.tc/2JPRM>#<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZL9plrxaA3Q>>

He even calls the project deliberate misrepresentation, deliberate fraud on ThinkTech Hawaii with Grassroot Institute President, Keli'i Akina.

Honolulu Rail Counting the Cost

<http://thinktechhawaii.com/2017/05/23/honolulu-rail-counting-the-cost/><<https://rb.tc/2JPRN#http://thinktechhawaii.com/2017/05/23/honolulu-rail-counting-the-cost/>>

Honolulu rail project most expensive in the world

<http://www.hawaiifreepress.com/ArticlesMain/tabid/56/ID/19857/Honolulu-rail-project-most-expensive-in-the-world.aspx><<https://rb.tc/2JPRO#http://www.hawaiifreepress.com/ArticlesMain/tabid/56/ID/19857/Honolulu-rail-project-most-expensive-in-the-world.aspx>>

Would you want your dream home to be built with sloppy, shoddy workmanship like these 2 documents reveal for the rail project? Is the rest of the project going to be sloppily done as well?

2016.9.10 Anonymous Honolulu Rail Letter From Project Professionals

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw\\_NDLg6Ebbmc1dBclLV2ptVWs/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw_NDLg6Ebbmc1dBclLV2ptVWs/view)<[https://rb.tc/2JPRP#https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw\\_NDLg6Ebbmc1dBclLV2ptVWs/view](https://rb.tc/2JPRP#https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw_NDLg6Ebbmc1dBclLV2ptVWs/view)>

2016.8.28 desai-letter - CA Registered Civil Engineer

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw\\_NDLg6EbbmT29QYIJVeU4yLUk/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw_NDLg6EbbmT29QYIJVeU4yLUk/view)<[https://rb.tc/2JPRQ#https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw\\_NDLg6EbbmT29QYIJVeU4yLUk/view](https://rb.tc/2JPRQ#https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw_NDLg6EbbmT29QYIJVeU4yLUk/view)>

Honolulu Rail Documents in Chronological Order on my Google Drive

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bw\\_NDLg6EbbmNnI2bnJlV0o3TGm](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bw_NDLg6EbbmNnI2bnJlV0o3TGm)<[https://rb.tc/2JPRR#https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bw\\_NDLg6EbbmNnI2bnJlV0o3TGm](https://rb.tc/2JPRR#https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bw_NDLg6EbbmNnI2bnJlV0o3TGm)>

Are any of you ever going to reveal a budget line item for property condemnation / seizure cost or Is condemnation just another blank check like the rest of the project?

Are any of you going to tell the public how you plan to pay for the estimated \$140M in annual O&M costs?

Are you ever going to stop HART from paying a DC lobbyist with taxpayer money because it is a semi-autonomous agency that is apparently not subject to laws that disallow such use of taxpayer money by other agencies? This abuse is downright unethical and unscrupulous, and if not, should be considered unlawful.

Honolulu rail project signs new contract with DC lobbyist

[https://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/blog/morning\\_call/2013/10/honolulu-rail-project-signs-](https://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/blog/morning_call/2013/10/honolulu-rail-project-signs-)

[new.html<https://rb.tc/2JPRS#https://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/blog/morning\\_call/2013/10/honolulu-rail-project-signs-new.html>](https://rb.tc/2JPRS#https://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/blog/morning_call/2013/10/honolulu-rail-project-signs-new.html)

Are any of you going to reveal how much it will cost to power this energy hog that some claim will use more energy than the US military on Oahu, that rail will be our utility's monopoly's biggest source of income to protect its profits and enhance its monopoly control for another 10 years?

Are you ever going to tell us who will pay for the power bill? Will HECO add another line item on our electric bills? Will all residents, including neighbor islands be required to pay the power bill? Will property taxes be raised to pay the bill? Will tourists help to pay the bill? Or who else.....???????

2017.6.10 Honolulu's rail line will use more energy than buses or autos

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw\\_NDLg6EbbmSI9CS19kSIB4VGs/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw_NDLg6EbbmSI9CS19kSIB4VGs/view)<[https://rb.tc/2JPRT#https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw\\_NDLg6EbbmSI9CS19kSIB4VGs/view](https://rb.tc/2JPRT#https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw_NDLg6EbbmSI9CS19kSIB4VGs/view)>

Are you going to continue being in deliberate violation of the law regarding the requirement for an SEIS as a result of known issues with the rail going through flood and tsunami inundation zones and known threats to our endangered Pueo Owl?

Honolulu Flood & Tsunami Inundation Zone Maps

<http://www.honolulu.gov/demevacuate/tsunamimaps.html><<https://rb.tc/2JPRU#http://www.honolulu.gov/demevacuate/tsunamimaps.html>>

Honolulu Airport to Waikiki Flood & Tsunami Inundation Map

[http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/dem/dem\\_docs/tsunami\\_evac/etez\\_final/Airport to Waikiki map19\\_inset2.pdf](http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/dem/dem_docs/tsunami_evac/etez_final/Airport_to_Waikiki_map19_inset2.pdf)<[https://rb.tc/2JPRV#http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/dem/dem\\_docs/tsunami\\_evac/etez\\_final/Airport to Waikiki map19\\_inset2.pdf](https://rb.tc/2JPRV#http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/dem/dem_docs/tsunami_evac/etez_final/Airport_to_Waikiki_map19_inset2.pdf)>

Click on the map in the following article to enlarge. It shows the rail route overlaid on the flood and tsunami inundation zone map.

HART Rail Project Headed for Trouble - May 26, 2017

<http://bigislandnow.com/2017/05/26/hart-rail-project-headed-for-trouble/><<https://rb.tc/2JPRW#http://bigislandnow.com/2017/05/26/hart-rail-project-headed-for-trouble/>>

Will you continue to deny the existence of the Pueo Owl on Oahu? It is obviously being treated as something in the way of the rail project and reminds me of Nextera removing a bald eagle nest in Canada because it was in the way of erecting one of its wind turbines.

<https://www.facebook.com/SavePueoOwl/><<https://rb.tc/2JPRX#https://www.facebook.com/SavePueoOwl/>>

Are you going to continue violating native Hawaiian cultural rights and the sanctity of their iwi? As you know, some were recently found in Pearl City, including a casket.

Are any of you prepared to change the status quo of fraud, waste, abuse, malfeasance, and corruption in our city?

Are you just going to continue to dig a deeper financial black hole and let the next generation struggle to straighten out the financial disaster you are continuing to support to selfishly protect your personal job and satisfy the insatiable lust of the power elites and money grubbing individuals, groups, and businesses, instead of being public servants by having some honesty, integrity, and accountability, by telling the public the truth for a change?

It is one thing to use state money for a LEGITIMATE neighbor island project, but another to STEAL neighbor island money to keep a known fraudulent boondoggle project going on Oahu to satisfy the needs of the rich while destroying the financial stability of everyone else, including the city and state.

The bleeding of our people must stop, and it must stop now!

Start listening to reason, logic, and common sense from the public for a change instead of listening to money grubbing politicians, PRP, D.R. Horton, and others who are destroying our future in the name of short term profits for a few at the expense of long term losses for everyone else for the next 3 or more generations.

If you won't listen to the public, will you reconsider the concerns of Hawaii Federal Judges?

"Bombshell" Letter from all 11 of Hawaii's Federal Judges Chides City Over Planned Rail Route - July 11, 2013

<http://www.hawaiireporter.com/bombshell-letter-from-all-11-of-hawaiis-federal-judges-chide-city-over-planned-rail-route/><<https://rb.tc/2JPRY#http://www.hawaiireporter.com/bombshell-letter-from-all-11-of-hawaiis-federal-judges-chide-city-over-planned-rail-route/>>

One of those judges recently told me that he hopes an attorney will file a lawsuit against the project for injunctive relief.

It is time to draw a line in the sand and vote NO on your SHALLOW rail recovery plan.

The FTA would be crazy to approve this dumb plan and will become co-conspirators in this fraud if they dare to approve it.

If you approve it, you will continue to cause irreparable financial harm to our people, including your children, for the next 3 or more generation and likely become historically remembered as being responsible for Honolulu becoming bankrupt, and then the state will try to bail it out again and become bankrupt as well.

Is this how you want history to remember you, as the enablers of the biggest fraud ever perpetrated upon on our people since statehood, or do you want to be remembered by history as the ones who had the courage and ethical, moral character to stop it?

It is time to drain the swamp in 2018 elections.....